

ASK STACY

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Dear Stacy: What was the location of the original "Tarzan" movie with Johnny Weissmuller? It was so beautiful. — Alice H., Fullerton, Calif.

Dear Alice: According to Maureen O'Sullivan, who swung through eight vintage "Tarzan" features as Jane: "One of the main reasons MGM made their first 'Tarzan' movie was because they had so much footage left over from Woody Van Dyke's movie 'Trader Horn,' which was shot in Africa, and they didn't know what to do with it. So they'd do process shots of lions jumping in Africa from the Van Dyke film and of us reacting." The reacting was lensed in the pre-development San Fernando Valley.

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Dear Stacy: I absolutely love "La Femme Nikita" on cable's USA Network. What has Peta Wilson been up to? Will there be a new season? Are the people Nikita works for "good guys" or "bad guys"? — Katie H., Austin, Texas.

Dear Katie: Peta has just wrapped her second season of "La Femme Nikita." She plans to spend part of her three-

month hiatus visiting friends and family in Australia and New Zealand. The current season's two-part "Nikita" finale won't air until around the end of August. It will be followed by reruns throughout the fall, with the show's third season set to premiere in January. Nikita's bosses are supposed to be good guys. Fans may write the show in care of USA Network, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

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Dear Stacy: What's the longest-running TV show in history? — Jeff and Alana S., Anaheim, Calif.

Dear Jeff and Alana: The U.S. crown for longest-running network entertainment program goes to NBC's "The Tonight Show," which debuted in September 1954.

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Dear Stacy: I read that Burt Reynolds was going to make some movies for cable. Is this happening? — L.D., Bayonne, N.J.

Dear L.D.: As you read this, Reynolds should be shooting "Hard Time," one of a trio of cable movies he's starring in for TNT. In all three tele-pics, Reynolds plays the same character, Conrad Logan — an ex-cop trying to vindicate himself. His former police partner, who believes Logan is innocent, is being played by Reynolds' former "Evening Shade" co-star Charles Durning.

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Dear Stacy: Can you tell me what the Olsen twins are up to lately? — Brenda W., Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brenda: Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, who turn 12 on June 13, have a new fall series, "Two of a Kind," coming on ABC. The twins play the daughters of a college professor on the show. Right now, they're in production on a direct-to-video movie called "Billboard Dad." In it, the girls, who play daughters of a widower, think it's time their dad gets a new woman in his life, and take out a personal ad for their father — on a giant Sunset Strip billboard.

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Dear Stacy: A friend says that Ricki Lake used to be a regular cast member on "China Beach." I don't remember her. — Nancy W., Oklahoma City

Dear Nancy: Yes. The actress-cum-talk-show-hostess portrayed Holly the Donut Dolly in the 1989-90 season.

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